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SUBJECT : UAE-IRAN CONTINENTAL SHELF BOUNDARY RATIFICATION

REF: A. STATE 175827; B. TEHRAN 7465

1. EMBASSY REGRETS DELAY IN RESPONDING TO REF A, BUT WE HAD HOPED BE ABLE PROVIDE MORE DEFINITE ANSWERS TO QUERIES RAISED THEREIN. SINCE FURTHER DELAY OF INDETERMINATE LENGTH NOW SEEMS INEVITABLE, WE OFFER FOLLOWING AS OUR BEST UNDERSTANDING OF CURRENT SITUATION.

2. BOTH DUBAI-IRAN AND ABU DHABI-IRAN CONTINENTAL SHELF AGREEMENTS HAVE BEEN SUBMITTED TO AND APPROVED BY UAE FOREIGN MINISTRY. (IN THIO CONNECTION, WE HAVE NO REPEAT NO INDICATION THAT ISSUES INVOLVING SAUDI-UAE BORDER SETTLEMENT-- PARA 2B REF B--ARE DELAYING OR OTHERWISE AFFECTING ABU DHABI-IRAN AGREEMENT.) FORMAL "RATIFICATION", HOWEVER, INVOLVES ACTION BY COUNCIL OF MINISTERS. THIS IN TURN RAISES YET ANOTHER ASPECT OF INDIVIDUAL EMIRATE VERSUS FEDERATION PROBLEM. HOW DOES FEDERAL COUNCIL DEAL WITH BORDER AGREEMENTS REACHED BY INDIVIDUAL EMIRATES? AND IF ONE CONVERTS EXISTING AGREEMENTS INTO FEDERAL ONE, WHAT DOES ONE DO ABOUT THAT PORTION OF UAE-IRAN CONTINENTAL SHELF BOUNDARY STILL UNDER DISPUTE? FONMIN UNDER SECRETARY, ABDULLA MAZRU'I TOLD CHARGE THERE HAD BEEN SEVERAL MEETINGS ON THIS ISSUE THIS

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SUMMER, MOST RECENTLY INTER-MINISTERIAL DISCUSSION ON SEPT

1 INVOLVING REPS OF MINISTRIES OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS, INTER-  
IOR, JUSTICE AND AGRICULTURE AND FISHERIES. BUT NOTHING  
WAS RESOLVED. IN SHORT, LOWER LEVEL OFFICIALS FIND THIS  
ONE BIT TOO HOT TO HANDLE. MAZRU'I STATED SEPT 4 THAT  
MATTER WOULD REST UNTIL RETURN OF FONMIN SUWAIDI, LEAVING  
IT TO HIM TO DECIDE HOW ISSUE IS TO BE PRESENTED TO COUNCIL.  
WITH SUWAIDI NOW BACK, ACTION IS POSSIBLE. HOWEVER, WITH  
MOVEMENT ON OTHER ASPECTS OF FEDERAL-EMIRATE RELATIONS ISSUE  
APPARENTLY TO WAIT UNTIL AFTER RAMADAN (SEE SEPTTEL), WE

EXPECT CONTINENTAL SHELF ISSUE TO REMAIN ON BACK BURNER FOR  
PRESENT.

3. RE OBTAINING TEXT OF ABU DHABI-IRAN AGREEMENT, WE HAVE  
PUT REQUEST BUT EXPECT THIS TOO WILL HAVE TO AWAIT SETTLE-  
MENT OF BASIC ISSUE.  
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